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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Updates**

**Phase 1**

- All Five Aviation Projects Under Construction
- Phase 1 Transit Projects Pending Grant Approval
- All Phase 1 Highway Projects Certified by Governor
- GDOT Exceeded the 50% Obligation of Funds for Phase 1 by the Deadline of June 30th
- To Date – 75 Highway/Aviation Projects given Notices to Proceed (NTP) Valued at Over \$144 Million in Contracts
- All MPO's Sub-Allocated Highway Projects are Certified (except Augusta)
- GDOT ARRA Reporting to USDOT Well Underway

**Phase 2**

- Approximately \$100 Million in ARRA highway funds from Phase 1 Rolled Over into Phase 2 Due to Low Contract Bids and Moving Contingencies to Another Fund Source
- Board Approved Highway Projects Total \$492 Million in Phase 2
- Phase 2 Highway Projects must be let by December 2009
- 62% of Funding in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA)
- GDOT will Maximize Number of Individual Contracts
- Statewide Transit Providers ARRA Meeting August 21st
- Transit Call For Projects – September 25th
- Review and Select Transit Projects – October 2009

**See the list of all of the State Transportation Board approved projects for Phase 2 funding in Congressional District 10 at the end of this newsletter.**

**BOARD ACTIVITY AUGUST 19-20  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

The State Transportation Board held its regularly scheduled meetings on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 28 project lettings were approved for September totaling over \$155 million. During FY09, the Board approved lettings for 280 contracts valued at over \$533 million for projects across the 13 Congressional Districts. In addition to the full Board meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, four committees met in advance: Public Private Partnerships (P3); Legislative; Administrative; and Finance. Below are highlights of these meetings.



*Board Members discuss financial issues during the August 20th meeting.*

**Public Private Partnerships (P3)** - Assistant Treasurer Earl Mahfuz provided an overview of the recent progress made on Public Private Partnerships – or what is now called P3. In the past couple of months, the Department has established a steering committee for determining project parameters, has compiled a draft list of potential P3 projects for Georgia as now required by law, had an internal workshop with RBC and Nossaman. Additionally, Mahfuz confirmed that despite the economic downturn, there are still firms interested in investing in P3 projects. He also stated that the Department intends to hold an industry-wide forum for potential investors later this fiscal year.

**Legislative** - Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., addressed the Committee, stating his commitment to a successful Legislative Session by preparing in advance. Commissioner Smith recommended presenting facts, meeting with the members of the Appropriations and Transportation Committees, and stressing funding requirements.

Commissioner Smith stated that the Department must carry the torch for funding in Georgia. Key emphasis should be placed on making sure transportation options meet the needs of citizens and businesses. He also recommended that we strengthen our existing relationships with Georgia's Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC.

**Administrative** - Chief Operating Officer Steve Henry presented a proposal on changing the Department's existing LOGO program. The current program contract expires on June 30, 2010. Each year, the Department receives \$3.25 million in revenue from the contract. Staff is recommending the Board consider a new fee structure and the addition of both pharmacies and RV friendly categories of signage. Several Board members requested additional information on the history and projections for the program. Additionally, it was questioned if the current vendor would consider renewing the existing contract for a 1-yr term. The Committee took no action.

**Finance** - Treasurer Kate Pfirman advised the committee that \$30 million in de-authorizations had been realized, bringing the total to approximately \$190 million since the project implementation.

Kate Pfirman reviewed the status of FY09. These figures are unaudited, but the Department ended the year with a balanced budget. There is an estimated surplus of \$577 million, but it is important to note that this figure includes Federal funds which could not be used without creating a larger motor fuel deficit. The Department also complied with Governor Perdue's mandate that each agency lapse funds back to the State Treasury - for GDOT, the amount was \$1 million, reducing our intermodal and data collections activities since it is regular state funds.

For FY 2010, the budget is being compiled based on the worst case scenario of the Governor's potential mandated cuts of 4%, 6% or 8%. Preparing for a required reduction of an additional 8% of State General Funds directly impacts the aviation, transit and data collections programs, and brings the total amended budget request is \$2.184 billion. The official request must be presented to OPB by September 30, 2009. The Committee will make a final review of the FY10 amended budget request in the September meetings.

**TIGER Grant Criteria  
Transportation Infrastructure Generating  
Economic Recovery—\$1.5 Billion Nationally**

- All applications are due to USDOT via email by September 15th
- Grants may be no less than \$20M and not greater than \$300M
- No more than \$300M will be awarded to any single state
- Funds can be used to cover 100% of project
- Priority given to grants that fill a financial gap
- Priority given to projects to be completed by February 17, 2012

**GDOT APPLICATIONS FOR FIVE PROJECTS  
ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT:**

*I-20 Eastside Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes  
in DeKalb County*

*I-75 South Managed Lanes in Henry County*

*Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension at the  
Savannah Port*

*Truman Parkway Phase V in Chatham County*

*Commuter Rail—Atlanta to Macon*

**September Lettings in CD 10**

Richmond County—*Major Widening  
CR 560/ALEXANDER DRIVE FM  
WASHINGTON RD TO RIVERWATCH  
PKWY*

Clarke County—*Safety Improvements  
SR 10 LOOP WB RAMP @ SR 15 -  
ADVANCED TRUCK WARNING SYSTEM*

Banks County—*Bridge Rehabilitation with No  
Added Capacity  
SR 15 @ 17 LOCS - BRIDGE JOINT  
REPAIR*

Greene County—*Restoration, Rehabilitation,  
& Resurfacing  
SR 15 FROM SR 12/US 278 TO OCONEE  
COUNTY LINE*

*Bridge Rehabilitation with No Added Capacity  
PROPOSED STEEL BEAM REPAIR @ 14  
LOCS - STATEWIDE*

**Todd I. Long, P.E., P.T.O.E.  
Confirmed by House Transportation  
Committee as Director of Planning**

On Wednesday, August 19th, the membership of the House Transportation Committee unanimously confirmed Governor Perdue's appointment of Todd Long as the new Director of Planning at GDOT. In his capacity, Long will be responsible for a variety of planning and reporting requirements.

*Members of the  
House Transportation  
Committee  
question Long at  
the hearing.*



**SPECIAL NOTE:** A special **GDOT Budget** newsletter will be released late next week.

Topics covered will include a review of Fiscal Year 2009, the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, an analysis of how the Department balanced the FY2009 books as of June 30, 2009, and transportation funding needs for Georgia.

**BOARD APPROVED PHASE 2 ARRA PROJECTS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10**

Cong Dist	County	Description	Work Type	Construction Total within Cong Dist	Economically Distressed Area
10	Richmond	CR 560/ALEXANDER DRIVE FM WASHINGTON RD TO RIVERWATCH PKWY	Widening	\$8,763,853	EDA
10	Banks	MAYSVILLE STREETScape - PHASE I & II	TE-Landscape/Beautify	\$625,000	EDA
10	Oglethorpe	CRAWFORD DEPOT IN OGLETHORPE COUNTY	TE-Historic Preservation	\$344,000	EDA
10	Franklin	I-85 FROM S OF SR 17/FRANKLIN TO SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LINE	Resurface & Maintenance	\$10,122,000	EDA
10	Clarke	Main St. in Winterville: Athens Rd. to Oglethorpe County Line	Resurfacing	\$60,060	EDA
10	Clarke	Old Elberton Road in Athens from Volves Rd to the Madison County Line	Resurfacing	\$220,595	EDA
10	Clarke	Sokey Rd in Athens from Nowhere Rd to Helican Springs Rd.	Resurfacing	\$288,243	EDA
10	Elbert	Thirteen Forks Rd./CR 307 from SR 77 Elbert Co. Line	Resurfacing	\$449,309	EDA
10	Franklin	6.4 miles of patching and resurfacing on Bold Springs Road from SR 106 to SR 59	Resurfacing	\$792,000	EDA
10	Habersham	CR387 Demorest/Mt. Airy Rd. from SR385/US442 Bus. To SR365 (1.25miles)	Resurfacing	\$247,500	EDA
10	Hart	Liberty Church Road	Resurfacing	\$313,500	EDA
10	Jackson	Wayne Poultry Road - Reclamation & Resurfacing.	Resurfacing	\$693,000	EDA
10	Madison	Lexington Road	Resurfacing	\$200,122	EDA
10	McDuffie	Railroad Street in Thomson	Resurfacing	\$110,550	EDA
10	McDuffie	Happy Valley Rd (CR 309) 1.16 mi	Resurfacing	\$191,400	EDA
10	Oglethorpe	Wolfskin Road From CR 240 to Clarke Co Line 0.69 mi	Resurfacing	\$132,825	EDA
10	Rabun	CR 149/CR 153/OLD 441 FROM CR 218/WOLF CREEK TO SR 15/US 441	Resurfacing	\$1,601,523	EDA
10	Richmond	Keysville Road	Resurfacing	\$592,900	EDA
10	Richmond	SR 104 FROM SR 4/US 25BU TO NW OF 15TH STREET	Resurface & Maintenance	\$100,448	EDA
10	Richmond	SR 104EA FROM NW OF 15TH STREET TO SR 4/US 25BU	Resurface & Maintenance	\$118,027	EDA
10	Stephens	Brookhaven Road from Rock Creek Road to SR 328	Resurfacing	\$895,649	EDA
10	Towns	CR 172/GUM LOG RD FM W OF WINCHESTER CRK RD TO BARNARD RD	Resurfacing	\$524,001	EDA
10	Wilkes	Andrew Drive/South Bypass in Washington: From State Route 17 / US 78 to State Route 47	Resurfacing	\$282,209	EDA

*Special Board Committee Workshop August 25th—Atlanta*

*Next Board Meeting September 17th —Atlanta*